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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: James A. Noyes
Director of Public Works

BATTERY BACK-UP SYSTEMS (BBS) FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Since our November 19, 2001, status report (copy attached) concerning the installation of Battery Back-up Systems (BBS) at County traffic signal locations, additional developments have occurred.

On May 14, 2002, a construction contract to install BBS at 61 existing traffic signal locations was awarded by your Board. We committed to have our installation of these BBS complete by late summer of 2002.

In our previous report, we also provided information on approved legislation that will provide a potential grant opportunity for the project. The California Energy Commission (CEC) recently made the guidelines for that grant available. Based on their criteria, we believe that our project is eligible and that we could potentially receive up to \$170,800. The actual grant amount is largely dependant on the level of competition Statewide.

Based on the grant criteria, and to maximize our chance for an award, the actual start of construction must be delayed to allow the CEC time to evaluate our grant application and to formally announce the award. We estimate that the project will be delayed for an approximate one-to-two month period for this to occur.

Consequently, the proposed revision to the schedule will result in the work not being completed until this fall. However, we believe we should utilize any State funding that we can obtain. Any adverse impact to the public for a one-to-two month delay is extremely small. Assuming your concurrence, we have begun the grant application process and have taken steps to delay the start of our project construction. Following completion of the contract, we will reevaluate the need to install BBS at additional intersections.

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Please call me or have your staff contact my Deputy, Tom Alexander, at (626) 458-4012 if you have any questions.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
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